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To clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the management of the elk population located in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DORGAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Elk Population Man-
5 agement Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL.**—The term “au-
9 thorized individual” means an individual, as a volun-

1 teer or under contract with the Secretary, who pos-
2 sesses—

3 (A) a valid resident big-game hunting li-
4 cense issued by the appropriate agency of the
5 State; and

6 (B) any other qualification that the Sec-
7 retary, in consultation with the appropriate
8 agency of the State, may require.

9 (2) ELK MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The term “elk
10 management plan” means the elk management plan
11 for the Theodore Roosevelt National Park that is—

12 (A) described in a final notice of intent
13 published by the Director of the National Park
14 Service (69 Fed. Reg. 53087) (August 31,
15 2004); and

16 (B) to be included in an environmental im-
17 pact statement required under the National En-
18 vironmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C.
19 4321 et seq.).

20 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
21 the Secretary of the Interior.

22 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
23 of North Dakota.

1 **SEC. 3. MANAGEMENT OF ELK POPULATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in section 4 of the Act
3 of March 2, 1929 (16 U.S.C. 198c), or any other provision
4 of law, prohibits the Secretary from permitting an author-
5 ized individual to use lethal means to reduce the popu-
6 lation of elk located within the Theodore Roosevelt Na-
7 tional Park, in accordance with the elk management plan.

8 (b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall consult
9 with the appropriate agency of the State to determine the
10 level of participation of the appropriate agency in carrying
11 out this Act.

12 (c) LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY.—The Secretary
13 shall not permit an individual to take any elk located with-
14 in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park for any purpose
15 other than to carry out the elk management plan.

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